

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification of the above-identified application as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 20 according to the following:

--More specifically, Aa combustion chamber assembly for use in a combustion-powered fastener driving tool, includes a cylinder body, a reciprocating probe assembly slidably ~~mounted~~disposed relative to said~~the~~ cylinder body between a first, extended position and a second, retracted position, and at least one shock-absorbing member operationally associated with at least one of the cylinder body and the probe assembly for reducing shock load generated by the tool during operation of the tool~~combustion and transmitted between the probe assembly and the cylinder body~~. In another embodiment, a single spring disposed between the probe assembly and the cylinder body is configured for biasing the probe assembly into the first position.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 19 according to the following:

--Referring now to FIG. 1, a combustion chamber assembly incorporating the features of the present shock-absorbing system is generally designated 10 and is intended for use in a combustion-powered tool, especially the type used for driving fasteners. A combustion-powered tool of the type suitable

for incorporating the present system is described in detail in the patents incorporated by reference and referred to above. As is known in the art, the combustion chamber assembly 10 includes a valve sleeve 12 which is preferably generally cylindrical in shape. Included on the valve sleeve 12 are a lower end 14 and an upper end 16. As is known in the combustion-tool art, the valve sleeve 12 is slidably engaged upon a generally cylindrical cylinder body 18. An upper end 20 of the cylinder body 18 generally corresponds to the upper end 16 of the valve sleeve 12, and a lower cylinder body end 22 extends below the lower end 14 of the valve sleeve 12. The cylinder body 4218 defines a longitudinal tool axis. In the context of this specification, the terms "upper," "lower" and "vertical" refer to the orientation of the combustion chamber assembly 10 as depicted in FIG. 1; however it is contemplated that the assembly may be operated in varied orientations.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 13 according to the following:

--The upper end 16 of the valve sleeve 12 and the upper end 20 of the cylinder body 4218 partially define a combustion chamber 24. A piston (not shown) is mounted operatively in the cylinder body 4218, and is constructed and arranged for driving a driving blade (not shown) in the longitudinal direction thereby driving a fastener (not shown).--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 17 according to the following:

--A reciprocating probe assembly 26 is slidably mounted along disposed relative to the cylinder body 1218 and is configured for contacting a workpiece (not shown) and subsequently closing the combustion chamber 24 by moving the valve sleeve 12 between a first, extended or rest position (FIG.2) and a second or retracted position (FIG.3). In the former, the combustion chamber 24 is open, and in the latter, the chamber is closed prior to combustion.--